

# The Paducah Sun.

VOL. XVI. NO. 65.

PADUCAH, KY., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1904.

10 CENTS PER WEEK

## A NAVAL BATTLE

The Latest Possibility is a Big Fight on the Sea.

Russian Fleet Reported to Have Escaped From Port Arthur and Is Now at Sea.

RESULT MAY DEPEND ON IT

Tokio, March 16.—A rumor has been current here that the Russian fleet escaped from Port Arthur on the night of March 11, and that the four cruisers at Vladivostok also got out and that the whole Russian fleet is now at sea.

News of a great naval battle is hourly expected and a serious situation would be created if the Russians should succeed in evading the Japanese fleet. The probability, however, is that the Japanese are in touch with the Russians sufficiently to bring about an action which must be decisive and put an end to the Russian naval power in the East.

### JAP KILLED THE CAPTAIN.

Tokio, March 16.—The steamer bearing ten wounded and the bodies of nine of the seamen who were killed in the Port Arthur fight on the 10th instant, has reached Sasebo. The wounded and dead were chiefly participants in the battle between Japanese and Russian destroyers. The survivors unite in praising the desperate heroic attack on the Russians and tell a story of a personal encounter between a Japanese sailor and the captain of the Russian destroyer Sterekuschichi. When the Japanese closed on the Russians the sailor sprang aboard the enemy's vessel and met her commander emerging from the cabin. Sailor and captain sprang at one another but the seaman was the quicker of the two and felled the Russian officer by striking him on the head with a cutlass. The Russian endeavored to rise but the Japanese sailor kicked him overboard and he drowned. The Japanese say there were twenty-two dead on the Russian destroyers. The report of the death of Engineer Minamisawa was premature. He is very low. The Japanese dead were landed at Sasebo and received with full military honors. They were borne on gun carriages to the naval brigade headquarters.

### COMPARATIVE STRENGTH.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The Journal prints an article comparing the opposing forces of Russia and Japan in the Far East. Russia, says the paper, has superiority in her land armament by seventy six cannons, but is inferior in warship, without counting the squadron of Admiral Wierenski. The superiority of the Japanese is represented by seventeen ships and eighty-one guns. This, however, is largely compensated for by the artillery in Russian forts.

### JAPANESE STRATEGEM.

London, March 16.—According to a dispatch received this morning the General staff of the Japanese army has not yet left Japan. This tends to confirm the dispatch to the effect that movements in Korea thus far have been but a blind to cover the proposed movements on the Liao Tung peninsula, and that the main affair on Korean soil has not yet been inaugurated.

### ALLEGED SPY SHOT.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Alleged to have been caught with incriminating documents on his person which revealed him as a spy, Captain Ivkov, who was in the Manchurian commissariat service was court-martialed and shot. The official announcement reads: "Ivkov executed from service."

### QUIET AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Fort Arthur advises of today say that everything is quiet there and there are no signs of the enemy. From Fenghuanchen comes the report that the

## LITTLE EFFECT

Will the Northern Securities Decision Have.

On the Other Railroads, Thinks Vice President Harahan, of the Illinois Central.

NO ALARM IS FELT HERE

Memphis, Tenn., March 16.—J. T. Harahan, second vice president of the Illinois Central, is in Memphis, it being his first official visit to this city since his return from Florida and the Gulf coast ten days ago. Mr. Harahan was considerably improved by his sojourn in the mild climate of the south and said the trip was one of the most pleasant and most beneficial he had taken in years. He will return to Chicago this morning.

Amid the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the merger cases, Mr. Harahan said that it was too early to form anything like a clear or definite opinion on the subject, as yet, the extent of the effect of the decision could not be accurately determined. He did not seem to think that the great railroad interests directly concerned, for the reason that President James J. Hill, of the Northern Pacific, and others equally interested, probably were prepared for an adverse ruling. As to the effect of the decision on the future problems of railroads incident to their greater growth and development, Mr. Harahan said that he was not prepared to talk; that before he would attempt a forecast along this important line it would be more consistent for him to study the court's decree in detail. As a general proposition, however, he, Mr. Harahan, did not regard the merger case decision with special alarm.

Referring to questions peculiarly local, Mr. Harahan said that on the occasion of his recent visit in Louisiana he was told that thousands of acres of land formerly devoted to growing of sugar cane would be planted in cotton, which fact further emphasized the prospects of the largest cotton acreage this year than for years past.

Russian soldiers are showing fortitude in the difficult marching over frozen tracks east of Manchuria.

### COST OF THE WAR.

London, March 16.—The Tokio correspondent of the Reuters Telegram company wires that the war expenditures from the outbreak of hostilities until the end of Feb. 1904, are estimated at about \$268,000,000.

### KOREAN SECRETARY SUICIDES.

Berlin, March 16.—Hynensik Hong, the secretary of the Korean legation here, committed suicide Wednesday. He was driven to the act by financial ruin, the result of the Russo-Japanese war.

### FRANCE ORDERS TORPEDOES.

Vienna, March 16.—The French government has ordered one hundred and fifty torpedoes from the Whitehead works at Fiume.

## SPAIN'S GUNS

WILL BE REMOVED FROM PORTO RICO AFTER FIVE YEARS' DICKERING.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 16.—After trying vainly for five years to sell the United States a number of unserviceable coast defense guns left in Porto Rico at the close of the late war Spain has decided at last to remove the property.

### SHILOH DATES CHANGED.

Chicago, March 16.—Dedication of the Illinois monuments on the battlefield of Shiloh has been postponed until May 17 and 18. The exercises were to have been held April 12 and 13, but at the request of Governor Yates the change in the day was made.

## RECORD OF WOOD

Held Up to Criticism by Senator Blackburn.

His Speech Said to Have Been an Ambitious Effort Yesterday.

OTHERS TO FOLLOW SOON.

Washington, March 16.—The conduct of Gen. Leonard Wood while he was in Cuba serving as military governor during the American occupation was held up to censure yesterday in an executive session of the senate lasting two hours, by Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, one of the members of the committee on military affairs, who joined in the minority report against the confirmation of Gen. Wood to be major general.

The speech of Senator Blackburn is said to have been one of the continuous flows of oratory for which he was famous and though punctuated throughout with denials and questions from friends of the nominee, was, it is said, a well-conducted comment on the evidence given in the committee hearings.

He did not conclude his remarks, and will have the floor at the next Executive session. The programme as now arranged, provides that Senator Quarles shall follow Senator Blackburn in a speech favoring confirmation, Senator Teller to address the Senate in opposition and Senator Foraker to close for Gen. Wood. If no general appropriation bills are reported to the senate to take the right of way it is thought now that an agreement to vote on the nomination will be reached this week.

## GREEN WORN

St. Patrick's Day Will be Celebrated Tomorrow.

Green Will Be Seen in Many Buttonholes—Entertainment Given at K. P. Hall.

Bits of green will be conspicuous in many buttonholes tomorrow in memory of good St. Patrick, dear to the hearts of all who trace descent from the Emerald Isle, and others who are in sympathy with his land of loyal patriotism and beautiful sentiment.

It is not necessary to recall who St. Patrick is, for his history is too familiar to need recounting. One of his most noted achievements was driving snakes out of Ireland, which are supposed by some to be typical of spiritual evil. The only social celebration of the day will be a literary and musical entertainment at the K. P. hall tomorrow evening, given by the Catholic Knights and Ladies. Irish songs will be rendered and green will be used in decorating the hall.

## STRIKE AVERTED

IT IS BELIEVED IN INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

Indianapolis, March 16.—There is a feeling at the miners' headquarters here that the strike has been averted. The officers will give out no public statement until the vote cast on Tuesday is counted tomorrow.

### REMAINS EXPECTED SATURDAY

Nothing definite has yet been heard from the remains of the late Mr. Leopold Polz, who died in California, but the body is expected to arrive Saturday sometime. The funeral arrangements will be made later in the week.

## FAVORS LYNCHING

Sensational Speech Made in Congress Today.

Mississippi Representatives Wants the South Left to Handle Negro Question.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—In the house today the general debate on the postoffice appropriation bill was resumed. Spight, Democrat, of Mississippi, made a sensational speech on the negro question.

He said the south should be allowed to deal with the negro, unhindered by northern interference. "We sometimes kill niggers," he said, "but only for hideous crimes. I'm against lynch law under some conditions."

He advocated lynching negroes and even burning them at the stake for brutal attacks on women.

## DIES OF OLD AGE

Mrs. Elizabeth Yeiser Expired Today in City Hospital.

Was Born in Ballard County and Was One of Our Older Citizens.

Mrs. Elizabeth Yeiser, wife of the late P. D. Yeiser, and one of the oldest citizens of Paducah, died this morning 10 o'clock at the city hospital of la grippe and general debility. Mrs. Yeiser had been ill for some time, but was only carried to the hospital Monday.

She was about 77 years of age, and was born in Ballard county. She came to Paducah many years ago, and was married to Mr. Yeiser in 1864. She was a second wife. She had only one son Philip Yeiser, who survives her. She left no other near relatives, but had many friends and several distant relatives in this city.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the First Presbyterian church. The burial will be at Oak Grove.

## MAY ORGANIZE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS EXPECTED TO MEET SOON.

Mayor Yeiser stated this afternoon that he would expect some word from the members of the board of public works this afternoon relative to organizing.

The board has been appointed for several weeks and nothing done towards organization. The solicitor has filed his outline of the duties of the board and now that this matter is settled, the board is expected to immediately organize and start in for business.

### LICENSED TO MARRY.

Henry Jimison, colored age 25, of the city and Hager Kimble, age 15, of the city, were this afternoon licensed to wed. It will make the first marriage of both.

## THE MARKETS.

WHEAT	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May.....	97 1/2	96 1/2	96 3/4
July.....	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 3/4
CORN			
May.....	54 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
July.....	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
OATS			
May.....	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
July.....	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
COTTON			
May.....	15 85	15 34	15 45
July.....	15 20	15 60	15 75
Aug.....	16 22	15 68	15 74
Oct.....	15 62	15 17	15 17
Nov.....	14 83	14 62	14 65
DECEMBER			
I. C.....	125	123 1/2	127
L. & N.....	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
M. & P.....	90 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
U. S.....	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
U. S. F.....	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2

## THE MOB WAS MAD

And Smashed Out Windows of Undecorated Palaces.

The Steamer Propatria Shows up Safe—10,000 Lithographers Locked Out.

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE DYING.

Budapest, Hungary, March 16.—During the celebration of the anniversary of the Hungarian revolution Tuesday the students and working men smashed the windows of the palaces of the King and Arch Duchess Clothide because they were not decorated. The police charged the mob, injuring several and arresting nineteen.

### LITHOGRAPHERS LOOKED OUT.

New York, March 16.—Ten thousand lithographers in the United States and Canada were locked out today. The lithographers wanted more time to accept a proposal of an arbitration agreement, which was refused.

### LOST STEAMER SHOWS UP.

Halifax, March 16.—A dispatch from St. Pierre, Miquelon, announces the safe arrival there of the steamer Propatria, believed to have been lost, with sixty passengers and the crew.

### DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE SINKING.

London, March 16.—The Duke of Cambridge, cousin to the late Queen Victoria, had several hemorrhages and is slowly sinking.

## GOOD OFFERS

Are Made a Paducah Girl as a Result of Her Fine Work.

Miss Aline Bagby Makes Another Splendid Impression in New York.

News from New York today brings the welcome information that Miss Aline Bagby, of Paducah, scored another brilliant success there last week in the presentation of "Sunshine" and "Wolves and Lambs" at Carnegie hall.

In the first play she had the leads and while she received many commendatory notices, she was not well pleased with her work in that particular part, and feels that she can do much better.

As "Mary Barlow" in "Wolves and Lambs," however, she made a decided hit. The character is one of the Sis Hopkins variety and Miss Bagby exhibited rare ability in her work.

Dixon, the author of one of the plays, asked to meet Miss Bagby, and was taken back and introduced after the play, bringing with him a New York manager, who made Miss Bagby an immediate offer for this spring and summer. She has not yet decided what she will do.

She also has another good offer to tour the south this year with a repertoire company and another offer to play in stock at Rochester, N. Y., but she has not made up her mind what she will do.

Miss Bagby has now completed her course, and the examination takes place today. She has made a splendid showing in her classes during her entire residence in New York and her work has won praise from the best critics in New York. Her friends here are confident that there is a bright future before her in the profession, and will watch her career with a great deal of interest.

The result of the examinations will not be known for several days yet.

### POULTRY AND EGGS.

Cincinnati, March 16—Eggs 16 1/2; butter 26 1/2; poultry unchanged.

## A GOOD START

Senate Committee to Prepare Revenue Law Organizes.

Wealthy Newport Man Dies—The Royal Arcanum Adjourns at Owensboro.

A STATE FAIR IS PROMISED

Frankfort, Ky., March 16.—The special committee of senators selected to prepare for consideration by the general assembly of 1906, of a new revenue law, has organized by the selection of Senator Carmack, of Owen county, as chairman, and Charles M. Lewis, of Shelbyville, as secretary.

The commission will hold its first meeting about May 15 in Louisville and then from time to time, as the duties require. The committee members are: Senators Carmack, Hickman, Booles, Phelps and Cox.

### NEWPORT MAN DIES.

Newport, Ky., March 16.—L. E. Marty, probably the wealthiest man in this section, died this morning at his home in Highlands, of pneumonia and kidney trouble. He was president of the Newport German national bank; president of the Frankfort Chair company and also president of the Ohio Coffin company at Lawrenceburg. He leaves a widow and four children.

### ROYAL ARCANUM ADJOURNS.

Owensboro, Ky., March 16.—Louisville was chosen as the next meeting place of the grand council of Royal Arcanum. The officers elected were: W. M. O'Brien, Owensboro, grand regent; J. E. Cassidy, Lexington, grand vice regent; A. M. Woodruff, Louisville, grand secretary; W. J. Thompson, Newport, grand orator; John M. Stokes, Louisville, grand chaplain; A. J. Bruce, of Ludlow, grand warden; G. P. Rogers, of Frankfort, grand scribe and G. G. Pruitt, of Richmond, grand guide. Harry E. Pfingst, of Louisville, was elected delegate to the supreme council.

### STATE FAIR TO BE HELD.

Lexington, Ky., March 16.—President Scoville, of the State Fair association, says the action of the legislature in taking away the state fair appropriation, will not prevent the fair from being held this year, probably at Lexington.

## ANOTHER CHANCE

WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT SENTENCED TO HANG MAY 14TH.

William Lightfoot, the negro accused of murdering Roy M. Sloan at Woodstock, Tenn., several weeks ago, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Moss, at Memphis, to be hanged, May 14th, 1904.

Lightfoot was arrested here, it will be remembered, and in the preliminary trial before Police Judge D. L. Sanders was held over to the Tennessee authorities. The trial was held two weeks ago and Lightfoot found guilty. The sentence was not passed on him, however, until after the defense's motion for a new trial was overruled, which was yesterday. The defense has taken an appeal on the case and this gives the accused another chance for his life. Attorney D. A. Cross, of Paducah, is one of the attorneys for the defense, and Attorney Eugene Graves for the prosecution.

## SAFE BLOWN

AND SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS STOLEN BY ROBBERIES.

Irwin, Pa., March 1.—The safe in the Pennsylvania passenger station was dynamited this morning and the building wrecked. The amount secured is estimated into the thousands of dollars.

## DEATH SUDDEN

Mrs. Peter Puryear Became Very Ill Today.

Expired This Afternoon About 2 O'clock—No Funeral Arrangements Made.

DEATH CAUSES GREAT SORROW

Mrs. May Paxton Puryear, wife of Mr. Peter Puryear, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock at her home at Eleventh and Jefferson streets, after an illness of three days. Mrs. Puryear leaves a young baby, born Monday morning.

She was not very ill until this morning, about 8 o'clock, when she became suddenly worse and sank rapidly until the end came. This news will be a shock and a surprise to Mrs. Puryear's many friends who did not even know of her serious condition. It will also cause universal sorrow, for she was very much beloved and one of the most popular young women in Paducah. She was very attractive, and an accomplished musician.

She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Paxton and was twenty nine years of age, having been born and reared in Paducah. She was married a year ago to Mr. Puryear and her death is a peculiarly sad loss to him, since they had been sweethearts from childhood.

She left besides her husband and baby, her father and mother, three brothers, Messrs. James, Edwin and Percy Paxton, and three sisters, Misses Nellie, Sadie and Fred Paxton. She was a niece of Postmaster F. M. Miller and leaves many relatives outside of her immediate family in this city.

She was very domestic in her tastes. Her home and those dearest to her were very near her heart, and her loss there will be most keenly felt. No funeral arrangements have been made.

## BIG MEETING

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO GATHER THERE.

It is announced that the interstate commerce commission will meet in Memphis, May 9, for the purpose of continuing the hearing of the case of the Planters' Compress Company against a number of the largest railroad corporations in the United States. Several roads are involved, the entire list of defendant roads including the following:

Southern, Missouri, Kansas & Texas; Missouri Pacific; Louisville and Nashville; Illinois Central; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis; Yazoo & Mississippi Valley; Big Four; Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton; Pennsylvania and Michigan Central.

## TILLMAN TO RUN

MAN WHO SHOT EDITOR WANTS TO GO TO CONGRESS.

Augusta, Ga., March 16.—Ex-Lieut. Gov. James H. Tillman, recently acquitted of murder for the killing of Editor N. G. Gonzales, of Columbia, S. C., announces his candidacy for congress in an interview in the Augusta Chronicle tomorrow morning. He will stand for the seat made vacant by the death of Congressman G. W. Croft. The dead congressman was at one time his leading counsel in the murder trial.

### REPORTED MARRIAGE.

Friends in Paducah last night received news that Mr. Ernest E. Reid, of Clinton, Ky., was married at the Great Northern Hotel, in Chicago, to a young lady of Detroit, Mich., whose name is unknown. No further particulars were obtainable.

### NEW NOTARIES PUBLIC.

W. H. Grogan, Clarence LaBay and Miss Katie L. Richardson have qualified as notary public.